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SUBJECT: JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE MEETING

REF: STATE 43753, MADRID 1690, MADRID 1750

1. THE FOLLOWING ARE MATTERS RELATING TO MARCH 14 JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE MEETING WHICH DO NOT WARRANT SEPARATE MESSAGES.

2. SCHEDULE. IN VIEW OF NECESSARY EARLY DEPARTURE MADRID OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY KATZ, SPANISH PLAN TO BEGIN MEETING AT 0900 MARCH 14, HOST A BRIEF INFORMAL LUNCHEON AT MIDDAY, AND TERMINATE ABOUT 1700 TO ALLOW AMPLE TIME FOR ARRIVAL AT AIRPORT. IF FURTHER DISCUSSIONS ON DETAILS OF SOME AGENDA ITEMS ARE DESIRABLE OR NECESSARY, WHICH HIGHLY UNLIKELY, THEY CAN BE HELD LATER OR FOLLOWING DAY WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF US DELEGATION.

3. PROCEDURAL GUIDELINES. FOREIGN MINISTRY PROPOSES THIS BE ADDED AS AGENDA ITEM VI TO PROVIDE FOR FORMAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMMITTEE APPROVAL OF AGREED PROCEDURES. IT WOULD REPLACE FORMER AGENDA ITEM VI, MULTILATERAL ECONOMIC ISSUES OF MUTUAL INTERESTS, WHICH HAS BEEN DELETED. SPANISH APPROVE DRAFT GUIDELINES FOR COMMITTEE AS PROPOSED BY EMBASSY (MADRID 1363) EXCEPT THAT THEY PREFER IT TO BE STATED THAT FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS WILL BE QTE AT LEAST UNQTE RATHER THAN QTE NORMALLY UNQTE

TWICE EACH YEAR. THIS WORDING PREFERRED BY SPAIN SEEMS TO BE DRAWN FROM ARTICLE II OF SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENT NUMBER 1 ESTABLISHING AT LEAST SEMI-ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL. U.S. POSITION ON THIS WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS TO WHICH THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY WISHES TO COMMIT HIMSELF, ALTHOUGH ACCORDING TO THE GUIDELINES HE MAY BE REPRESENTED BY A DEPUTY.

4. REPORTING ON MEETING. IN DAYS FOLLOWING MARCH 14 MEETING EMBASSY AND GOS FOREIGN MINISTRY WILL PRODUCE AN AGREED REPORT OF THE MEETING TO BE SUBMITTED TO BOTH GOVERNMENTS FOR APPROVAL. THIS WILL AVOID CONFUSION REGARDING ANY UNDERSTANDINGS REACHED. A SEPARATE REPORT WILL BE PREPARED SOMETIME LATER ON THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE'S ACTIVITIES TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE COUNCIL PRIOR TO THE COUNCIL'S NEXT MEETING.

5. PAPERS ON AGENDA ITEMS. IN ORDER TO FACILITATE AND EXPEDITE DISCUSSION, THE GOS PLANS TO DISTRIBUTE PAPERS ON SOME AGENDA ITEMS. IT WILL HAVE A PAPER ON SPANISH ECONOMIC PROSPECTS AND POLICY MEASURES AND PROBABLY ADDITIONAL PAPERS ON THE SPANISH QUOTA AND TAX REBATE SYSTEMS. THE GOS ANTICIPATES ONLY LIMITED DISCUSSION OF FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION REQUIREMENTS SINCE IT BELIEVES SPANISH PROBLEMS IN THIS AREA ARE BEING RESOLVED SATISFACTORILY BY CONSULTATIONS AT A TECHNICAL LEVEL. EATON

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